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I demand as a taxpaying consumer that my rights be protected from an acknowledged monopolist. I know that arguments have been made by Microsoft that to split them up would damage the US economy, however, we have already had a court determine that Microsoft is using its monopoly position to do damage to the US economy by overcharging and stifling competition. We should not be talking about theoretical damage but in fact damage. How can the potential damage outweigh the actual past and current damage done to the US consumer and economy by reducing the productivity gains from faster, better, cheaper that open competition bring. Who knows where we might be right now if Microsoft hadn't killed so many budding competitors who would have forced Microsoft to be more efficient and cheaper for consumers.

Microsoft needs to be split up to ensure that the economy can recover from the damage they have done and continue to do.

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